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**MUSIC CENTER EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR SPOTLIGHT AWARDS
VISUAL ARTS APPLICATIONS**

Extended Deadline Is December 8, 2009

LOS ANGELES—The Music Center of Los Angeles County has extended its deadline for students to submit their artwork applications in the Visual Arts categories for the **22nd Annual Music Center Spotlight Awards**. Visual Arts applications must be received online or postmarked by no later than Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

The program is free and open to all students who attend high school in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties at time of deadline. The Visual Arts categories are photography (black/white, color, and digital) and two-dimensional art (works of art with height and width but no depth, using drawing, painting, computer generated or mixed media).

All visual arts participants will be invited to attend master classes and museum tours. Work by semi-finalists will be showcased in a Southern California gallery in the spring of 2010. **First grand prize scholarship is \$5,000 and the second grand prize scholarship is \$4,000. Honorable mentions receive \$250 scholarships. Semi-finalists receive \$100 scholarships.**

The **Music Center Spotlight Awards** program is one of the nation's most acclaimed performing and visual arts education programs for teens, offering training in the arts and awarding over \$100,000 in scholarships annually to finalists, semi-finalists, and participants who received honorable mentions.

The program has launched numerous professional careers—fifteen finalists are Presidential Scholars and many have joined or performed with professional companies including the Metropolitan Opera, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, American Ballet Theatre, Boston Symphony Orchestra, and the New York Philharmonic. Many alumni return to the program and participate as judges and master class instructors.

Fredric M. Roberts is founding chairman of the **Music Center Spotlight Awards** and Walter Grauman is creator/executive producer.

For more information about the Music Center Spotlight Awards program,
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